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Bureau of Land Management  
San Luis Valley Field Office  
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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-300-2013-0013 CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER (optional):

PROJECT NAME: Road ROW Grant

PLANNING UNIT:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sixth Principal Meridian, T.27S, R.73W, Sec 22,  
Alamosa County, Colorado

APPLICANT: Bureau of Land Management

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION BLM received an application from Robert Boeve for the use of non-system roads to access his private property. There are 2 segments of road that he is proposing to use. The first segment is currently issued under COC-59313 to Micheal Schrek for an access road to his property. The second segment extends from Micheal Schrek's property to property owned by Robert Boeve. This segment is also a non-system road that was constructed some years ago by unknown parties. It has been used as the primary access road to access Boeve's property. There will be minor improvements to the road such as adding water bars to allow for drainage.

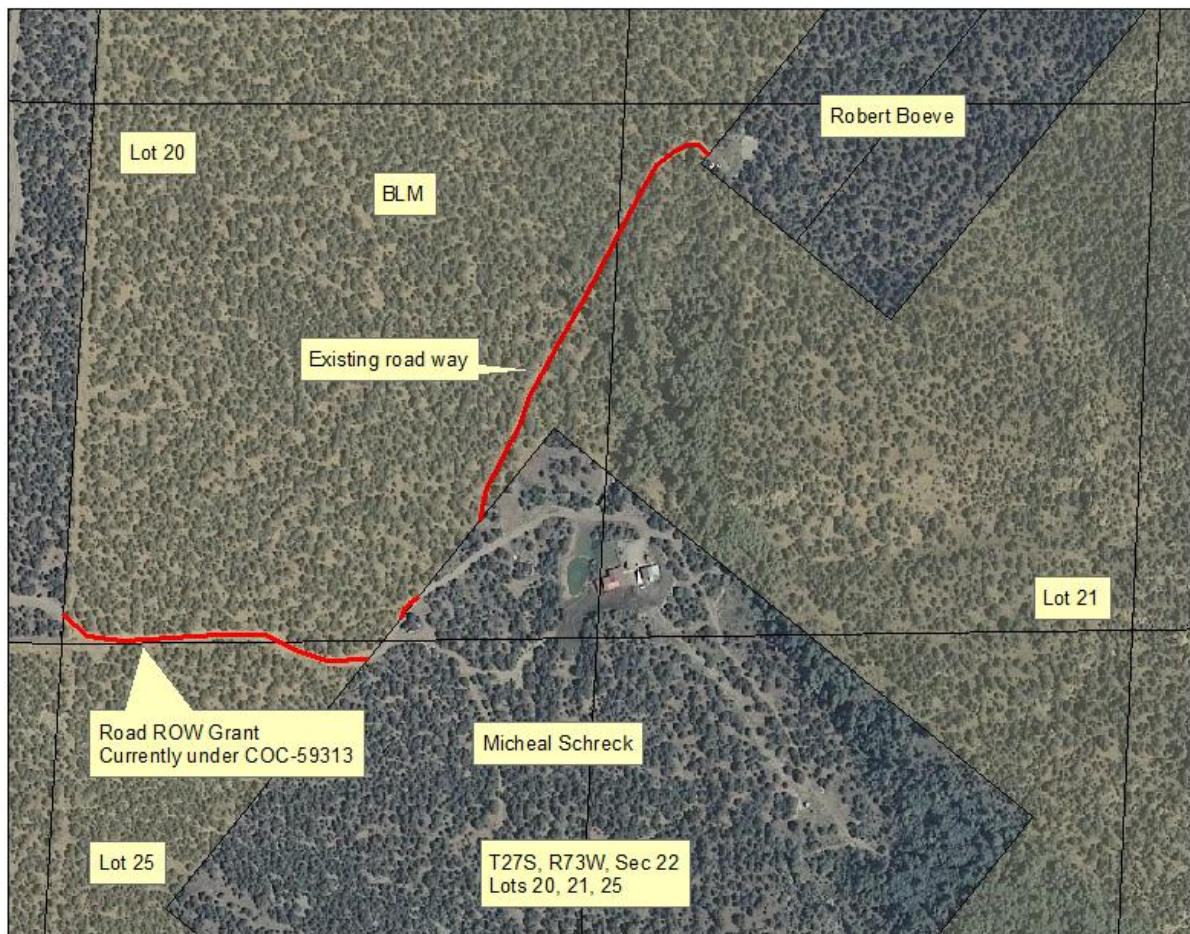
PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3) the following plan:

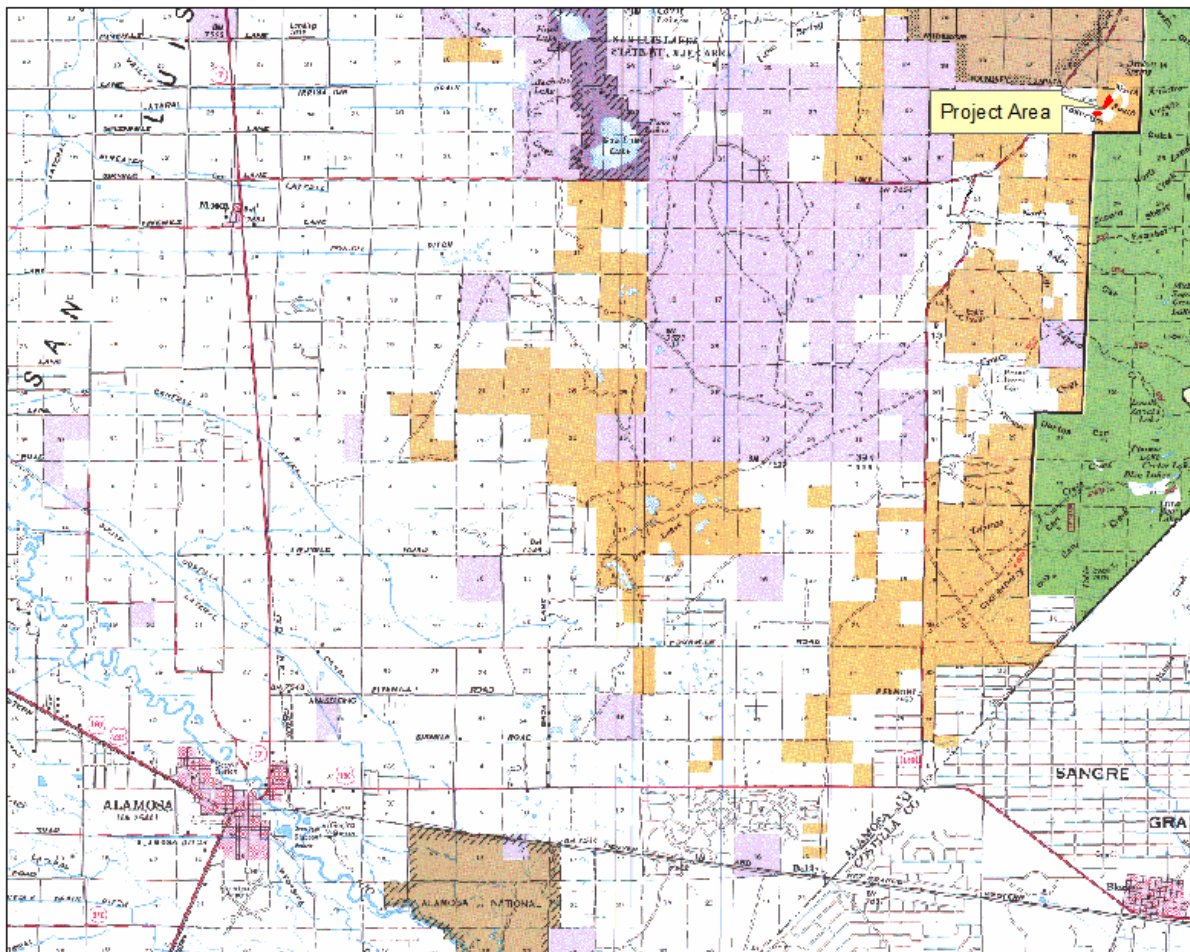
Name of Plan: San Luis Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: December 18, 1991

Decision Number: ROD – 1 -17 (Lands and Realty- LUA), Page 15

Decision Language: All other BLM lands will be open to rights-of-ways for other utility lines, roads, etc... and each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for alignment and mitigation stipulations





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Robert Boeve

T27S, R73W, Sec 22



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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW:** This proposed action is listed as a Categorical Exclusion in DOI Departmental Manual Part 516 Chapter 11 E (17). None of the following exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Exclusion Criteria	YES	NO
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; lands with wilderness characteristics; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		X
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		X



INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM REVIEW			
NAME	TITLE	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	Initials/date
Alyssa Radcliff	Wildlife Biologist	Terrestrial Wildlife, T&E, Migratory Birds, Invasive Plants, fisheries	ANR 10/21/2013
Melissa Shawcroft	Range Management	Range <b>Management</b> , <b>Vegetation</b>	MS 10/29/2013
Sue Swift-Miller/Jill Lucero	Wildlife Biologist	Wetlands	JL 10/29/2013
Eduardo Duran	NRS	Riparian, T&E Plant species, Prime and Unique Farmland,	END 10/29/2013
Andrew Archuleta	Physical Scientist	Minerals	ASA 10/28/2013
Negussie Tedela	Hydrologist	Hydrology, Water Quality/Rights, Soils, Air Quality	NHT 10/28/2013
Sean Hines/Leon Montoya	Cadastral Surveyor	Cadastral Survey	10/18/2013
Sean Noonan	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation, Wilderness, LWCs, Visual, ACEC, W&S Rivers,	STN 10/21/2013
Martin Weimer	NEPA Coordinator	Environmental Justice, Noise, SocioEconomics	mw, 9/30/13
Jeff Brown	Archaeologist	Cultural, Native American	Jgb,10/17/2013
Leon Montoya	Realty Specialist	Lands & Realty/Waste/Hazmat	LM 10/18/2013

**REMARKS:**Cultural Resources The area of the road and the road itself were covered by a Class III Cultural Resources Inventory as part of the Zapata Phase I Area “A” Fuels Reduction Project in 2003. No cultural HRHP eligible resources were located within or immediately adjacent to the road so there will be no adverse impacts to historic or cultural resources. **Native American Religious Concerns:** There are no known Native American concerns within the Area of potential Effect (APE).

### **Threatened and Endangered Species (Animals)**

There are no known threatened, endangered, candidate, proposed, special status, sensitive, or other species of concern that would be further affected by roadbed use and the associated maintenance involved. Habitat conditions for wildlife species within the existing non-system road segment and permitted road segment have not changed since first creation of roadbed and issuance of permit.

There are currently no known invasive plants within the existing non-system road segment and permitted road segment. Use and maintenance will not create new infestation of invasive plants if mitigation measures are implemented.

### **Mitigation Measures**

1. Wash all equipment prior to maintenance activities.

2. Area disturbed outside existing roadbed, must be reseeded with native vegetation.  
*/s/ Alyssa Radcliff, SLVBLM Wildlife Biologist*

COMPLIANCE PLAN (optional):

NAME OF PREPARER: Leon Montoya

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Martin Weimer

DATE:

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this Categorical Exclusion and have decided to implement the Proposed Action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 10 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

/s/ Andrew Archuleta  
Andrew Archuleta, Field Office Manager

DATE SIGNED: 10/29/13